

Remarks/Arguments

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 30-39 associated with Group III, without traverse. The Applicants respectfully assert that the amendment to the claims, and incorporated by reference in any claims depending therefrom, are not narrowing amendments made for a reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent that will give rise to prosecution history estoppel. *See Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, 56 U.S.P.Q.2d 1865, 1870 (Fed. Cir. 2000).

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that claims 30-39 in the present Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request an allowance of such claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' agent at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

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